

Nome Pilot on Mercy Flight

Mrs. Marion Kulowiya of Northeast Cape on St. Lawrence Island, may owe her life to the selfless action by chief pilot of the Munz Northern Airlines of Nome, Otis Hammonds.

Hammonds, along with Nurse Betty Connors of Maynard Memorial Hospital at Nome, flew over the wintry and ice-choked Bering Sea on New Year's Eve to Northeast Cape and picked up Mrs. Kulowiya whose heart had

stopped beating for three minutes.

Northeast Cape is 145 miles southwest of Nome. The residents of the village set up flares at the airstrip to guide pilot Hammonds for landing. The pilot then quickly evacuated the gravely ill Eskimo woman to the Nome hospital.

Mrs. Kulowiya, 64, is reported to be doing well after treatment at the hospital.